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SENT ON APPROVAL—MAKE AMAZING 10-DAY TEST

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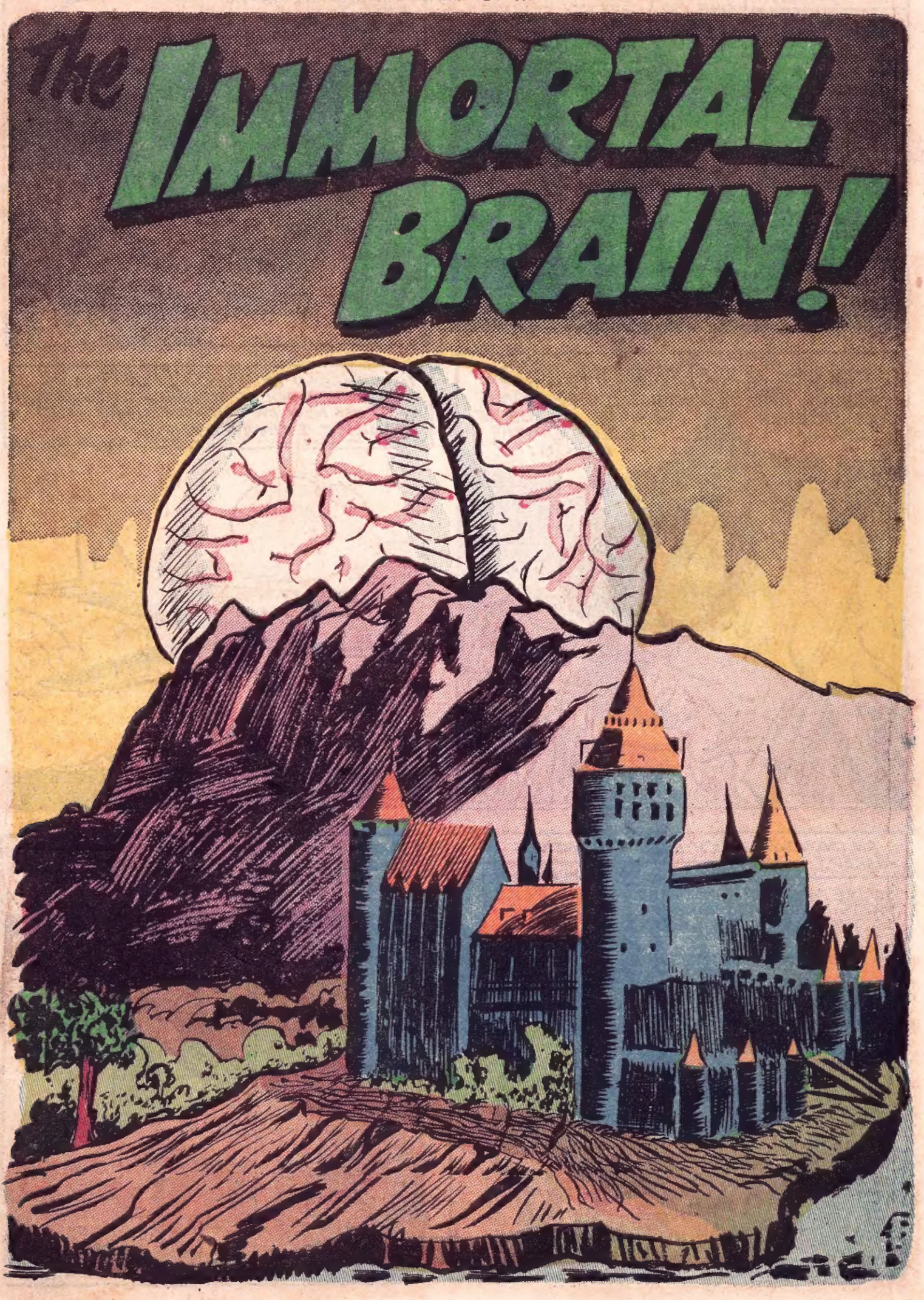
BENEATH THE SINISTER CRAGS OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS STANDS THE ANCIENT CASTLE OF WISBAR... BEHIND ITS DANK DESOLATE WALLS IS HIDDEN THE SECRET OF SEVEN CENTURIES... A SECRET THAT *DEFIED* THE LAWS OF NATURE... A SECRET THAT *TERRIFIED* THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE... THE SECRET OF...

The IMMORTAL BRAIN!



ACROSS THE SEA, IN NEW YORK, IN A LAWYER'S OFFICE, YOUNG TAD OWENS WAS RECEIVING NEWS THAT WOULD BRING HIM FACE TO FACE WITH THAT SECRET!

ONE OF YOUR RELATIVES FROM THE OLD COUNTRY DIED AND LEFT YOU THE CASTLE OF WISBAR!

GREAT! ALWAYS WANTED TO OWN A CASTLE!

I'D ADVISE YOU TO FORGET ABOUT IT, TAD! ALL WE KNOW ABOUT THE CASTLE IS THE *EVIL* THAT IS *ASSOCIATED* WITH IT...

LEGENDS SAY THAT THOSE WHO ENTER ITS DOOR ARE *NEVER* SEEN AGAIN!

NONSENSE, THAT'S JUST AN OLD WIVE'S TALE! I'M *LEAVING* FOR THE CASTLE AT THE END OF THE MONTH!

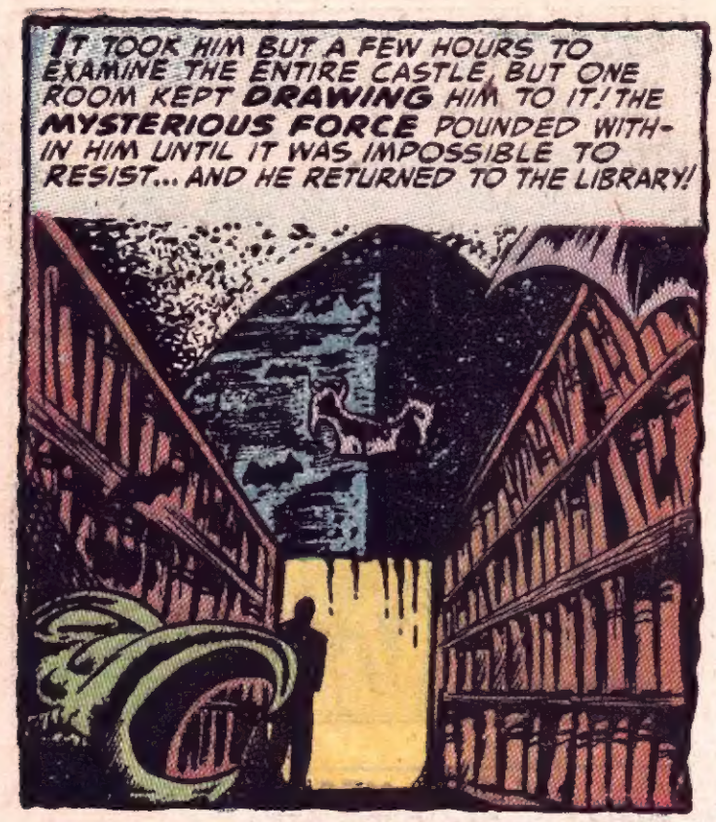
TIME PASSED QUICKLY AND TAD OWENS EVENTUALLY FOUND HIMSELF WINGING TOWARD HIS NEW INHERITANCE... AND ALSO TOWARD THE *UNKNOWN*...

...AN UNKNOWN WHICH EVEN THE NATIVES FEARED!

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE THE GUIDE IN THESE PARTS... WILL YOU TAKE ME TO THE CASTLE OF WISBAR?

NO! NO! IT IS *A PLACE OF EVIL!*

AND SO HE MADE HIS WAY INTO THE MOUNTAINS *ALONE*... AND SUDDENLY IT STOOD BEFORE HIM... *DARK* AND *MYSTERIOUS* AND BECKONING TO HIM WITH ITS EVIL SECRET!

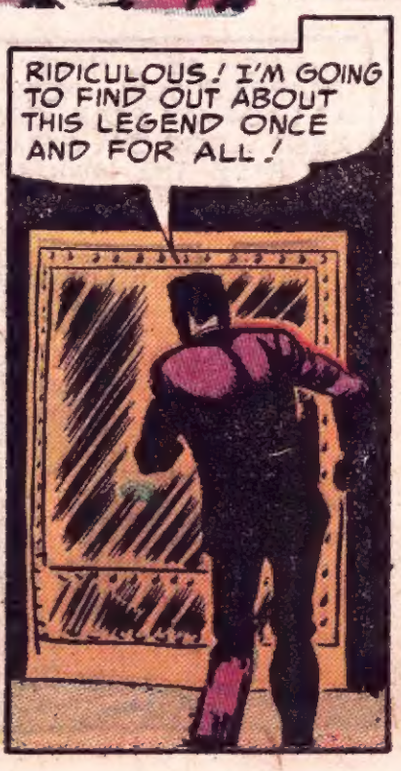

IT TOOK HIM BUT A FEW HOURS TO EXAMINE THE ENTIRE CASTLE, BUT ONE ROOM KEPT DRAWING HIM TO IT! THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE POUNDED WITHIN HIM UNTIL IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST... AND HE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY!

HMM, THE BOOK OF THE WISBAR LEGEND... MAYBE NOW I CAN FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...

...WHAT'S THIS...WHY, THIS IS INCREDIBLE.. FANTASTIC...

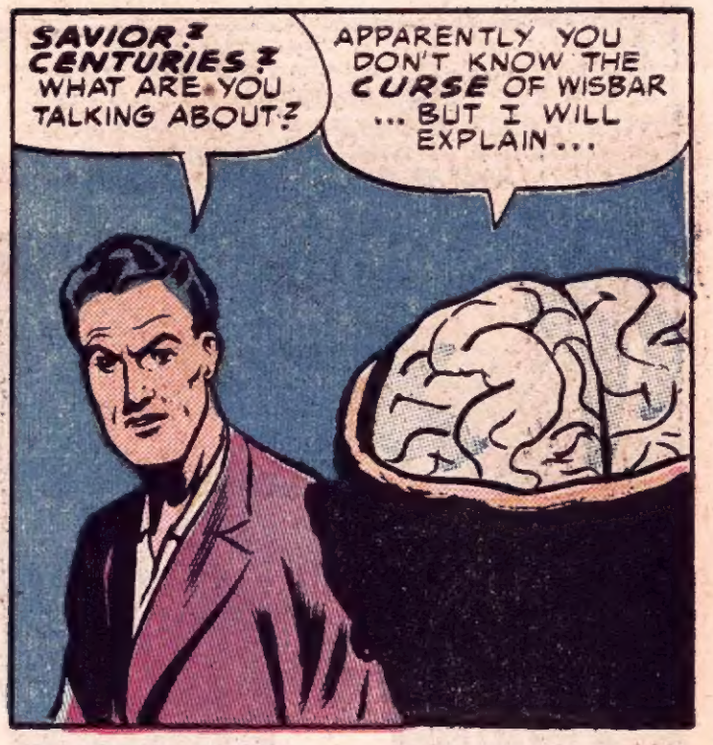
NOW WHO COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE... FUNNY, THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING...

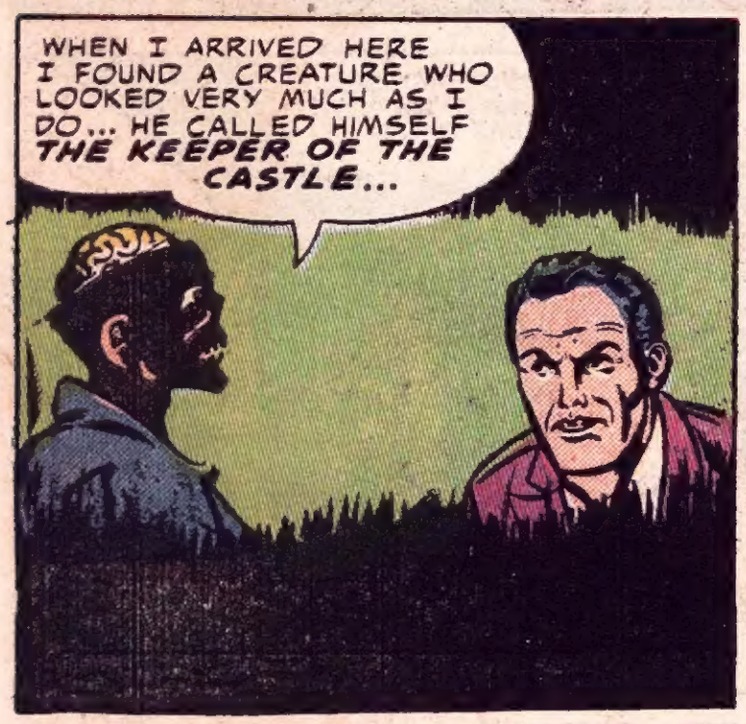
HE LOOKED UP IN TIME TO SEE A DOOR APPEAR WHERE NO DOOR HAD BEEN...
POUFF


RIDICULOUS! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS LEGEND ONCE AND FOR ALL!

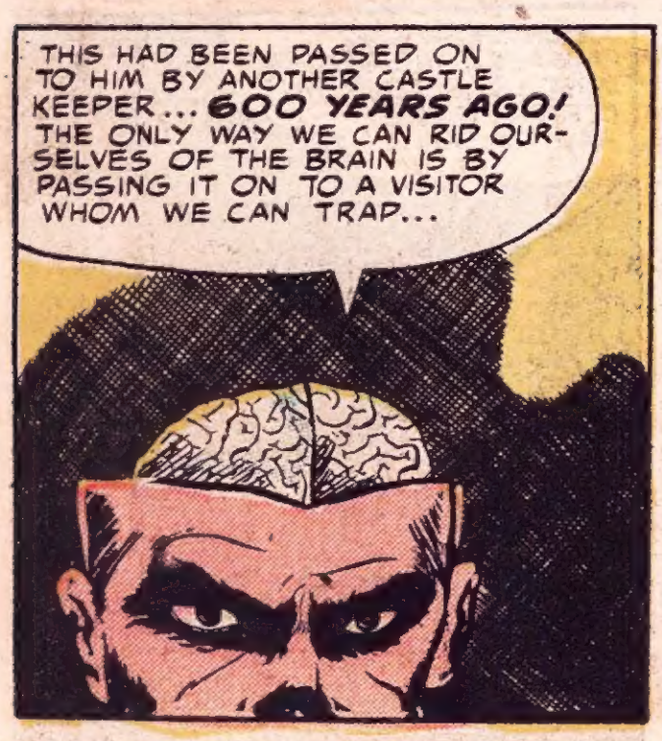
AN UNDERGROUND PASSAGE...THE ANSWER MUST LIE BEYOND THAT DOOR... THERE HAS TO BE...

YES! THE ANSWER HAD TO LIE BEHIND THAT MYSTERIOUS DOOR... A DOOR WHICH SWUNG OPEN AS TAD OWENS APPROACHED!
WELCOME MY SAVIOR... I HAVE WAITED MANY CENTURIES FOR YOU!
WHAT THE... WHO ARE YOU?


SAVIOR? CENTURIES? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
APPARENTLY YOU DON'T KNOW THE CURSE OF WISBAR ... BUT I WILL EXPLAIN...


WHEN I ARRIVED HERE I FOUND A CREATURE WHO LOOKED VERY MUCH AS I DO... HE CALLED HIMSELF THE KEEPER OF THE CASTLE...

THIS WAS 300 YEARS AGO! HE HAD BEEN KEPT ALIVE, DOOMED TO A LIVING DEATH BY THE IMMORTAL BRAIN!

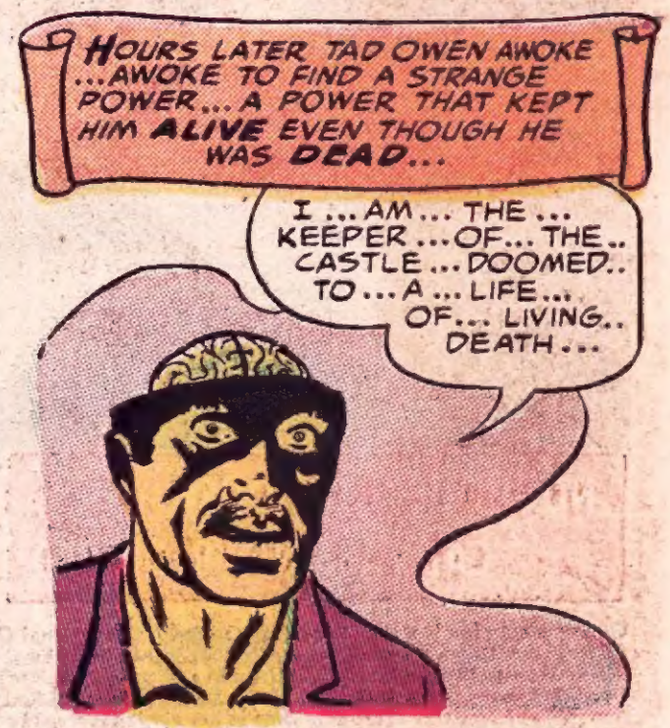

THIS HAD BEEN PASSED ON TO HIM BY ANOTHER CASTLE KEEPER... 600 YEARS AGO! THE ONLY WAY WE CAN RID OURSELVES OF THE BRAIN IS BY PASSING IT ON TO A VISITOR WHOM WE CAN TRAP...

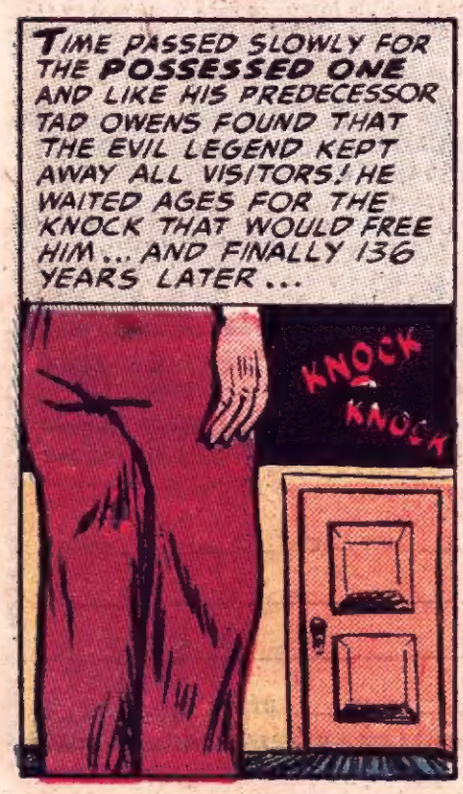
...SUCH AS I HAVE TRAPPED YOU... NOW AT LAST MY SOUL CAN REST... FOR I'M GOING TO PASS THE IMMORTAL BRAIN ON TO YOU...
NO... YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!

...BUT I WON'T GIVE IN WITHOUT A FIGHT!
I HAVE WAITED OVER 300 YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT... YOU CAN'T STOP ME NOW!

BUT THE YOUNGER MAN WAS NO MATCH FOR ONE OF THE LIVING DEAD... AND FELL BEFORE THE BITING STEEL OF THE RAZOR-SHARP BLADE...

...AT... LAST... THE ...BRAIN... IS... YOURS... NOW... I... CAN... DIE... PEACEFULLY...


HOURS LATER TAD OWEN AWOKE ...AWOKE TO FIND A STRANGE POWER... A POWER THAT KEPT HIM ALIVE EVEN THOUGH HE WAS DEAD...
I ... AM ... THE ... KEEPER ... OF... THE.. CASTLE ... DOOMED.. TO ... A ... LIFE... OF... LIVING.. DEATH...


TIME PASSED SLOWLY FOR THE POSSESSED ONE AND LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR TAD OWENS FOUND THAT THE EVIL LEGEND KEPT AWAY ALL VISITORS! HE WAITED AGES FOR THE KNOCK THAT WOULD FREE HIM... AND FINALLY 136 YEARS LATER...
KNOCK KNOCK

I'LL... BE... FREE!!. I'LL... BE... FREE!!. NOW... TO... WELCOME... HIM...

THE DOOR OPENED AND THE NEW KEEPER OF WISBAR CASTLE ENTERED...ENTERED TO RECEIVE THE HERITAGE.. AND THE CURSE OF THE IMMORTAL BRAIN!
THE END

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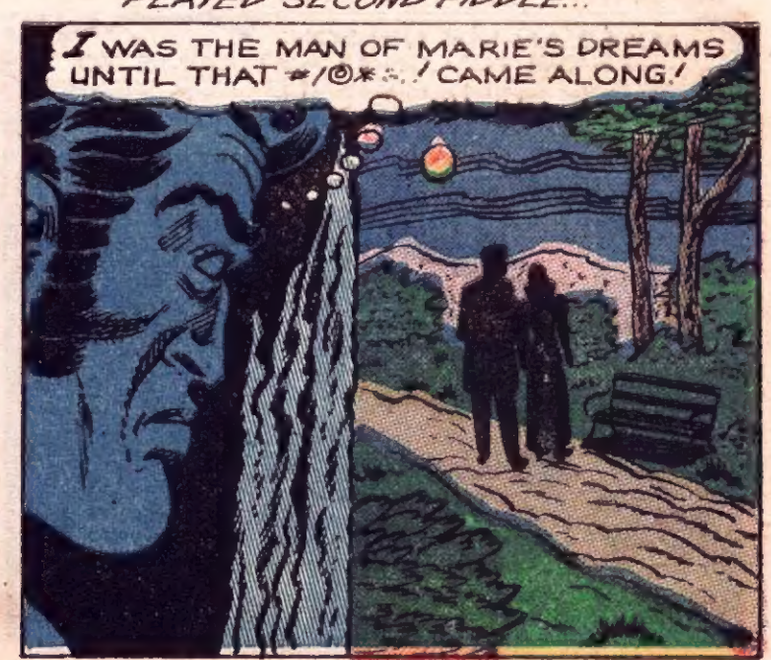
HOW COMPLETELY OUT OF PLACE YOU LOOK NOW... UNSHAVEN, DISHEVELLED IN APPEARANCE, AS YOUR TREMBLING BODY HUNCHES OVER A MUTILATED CORPSE! NEITHER YOUR FOUL DEED NOR THE COLD DAWNLIT GROUNDS IS MAKING YOU SHIVER, **ELDON COX**... INSTEAD IT'S THE NUMBING REALIZATION OF YOUR PLIGHT! YOUR LIFELONG FIGHT IS ENDING IN A **TIE**, AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE...

WALL OF COAHUILA

IN A FLASH YOUR MIND GOES BACK TWENTY-FIVE YEARS TO THE MIDDLE 1870'S! YOU SEE YOURSELF SULKING BACKSTAGE OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM!

CONFLICT! AND IT WAS ALWAYS WITH **HUGH NELSON** IN THOSE DAYS! HE WAS YOUR **RIVAL** AND YOU ALWAYS PLAYED SECOND FIDDLE...



BOTH OF YOU GRADUATED INTO WEALTHY AND SHREWD, HARD DRIVING INDUSTRIALISTS!

NELSON LITTERALLY STOLE THAT FRITSCHE CONTRACT RIGHT FROM MY FINGERTIPS!

A YEAR OR SO AGO, ONE NIGHT, YOU COLLAPSED INTO ONE OF YOUR PERIODIC FITS OF DISSATISFACTION!

LOOK AT THAT FACE... WRINKLED FROM **DESPONDENCY** AND **HATE**, NOT FROM THE EASY CHALLENGE OF ACQUIRING WEALTH! JUST LOOK AT ME... GROWING OLD BEFORE MY TIME! AND ALL BECAUSE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL **LIFELONG DUEL** WITH HUGH NELSON!

WHY? **WHY?** HE'S **NO BETTER** THAN **I** AM! I COULD KILL HIM EASILY IN A **REAL** DUEL!

...BUT THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION! DUELING HAS BEEN **PROHIBITED BY LAW!**

WAIT!... WHY **NOT?** SURE... SURE, WE COULD MAKE A **REAL AFFAIR** OUT OF IT! WE COULD **BUILD** A **DUELING SITE** ON MY PROPERTY IN MEXICO! AND THE WINNER WOULD INHERIT **BOTH FORTUNES!**

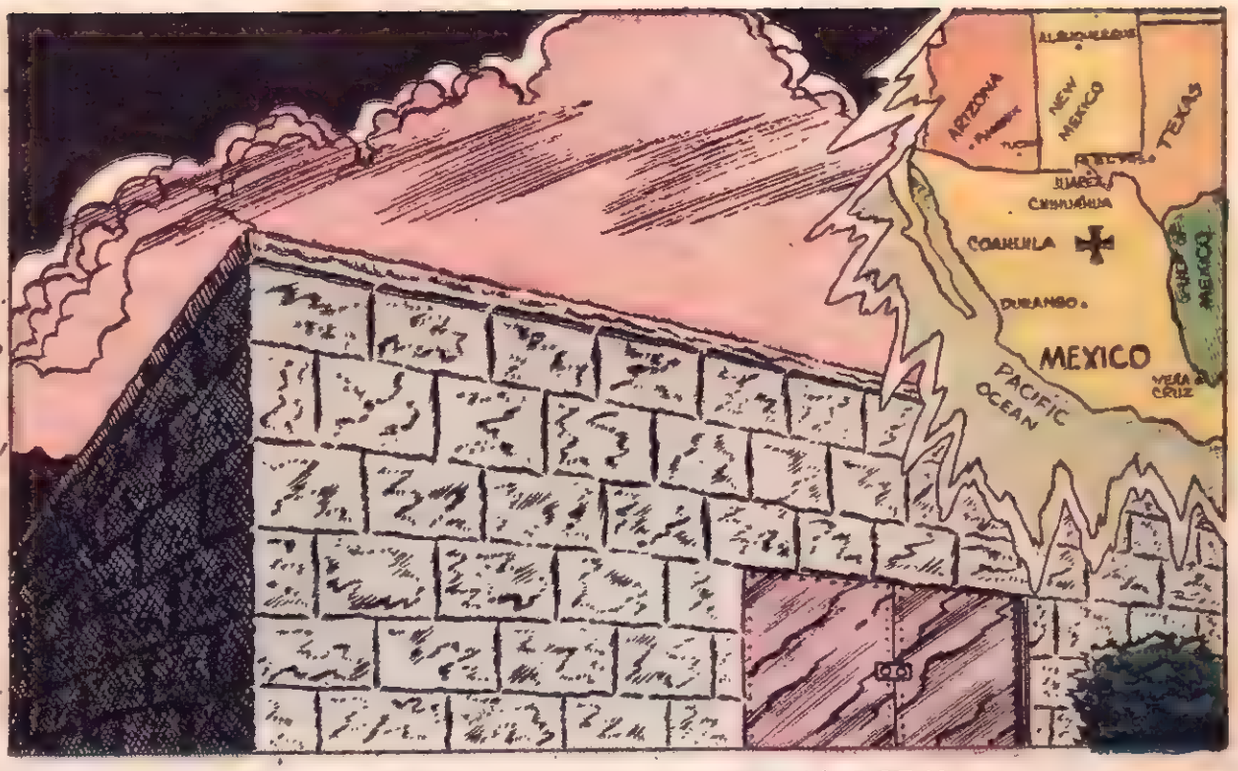
INSTEAD OF PRESENTING A **PHYSICAL INSULT**, YOU CONFINE YOUR CHALLENGE TO A **WRITTEN** "SLAP IN THE FACE!"

MY DEAR MR. NELSON: I HAVE AT LONG LAST COME TO THE END OF MY PATIENCE! FOR YEARS I HAVE CONSIDERED YOU NOTHING BUT A...

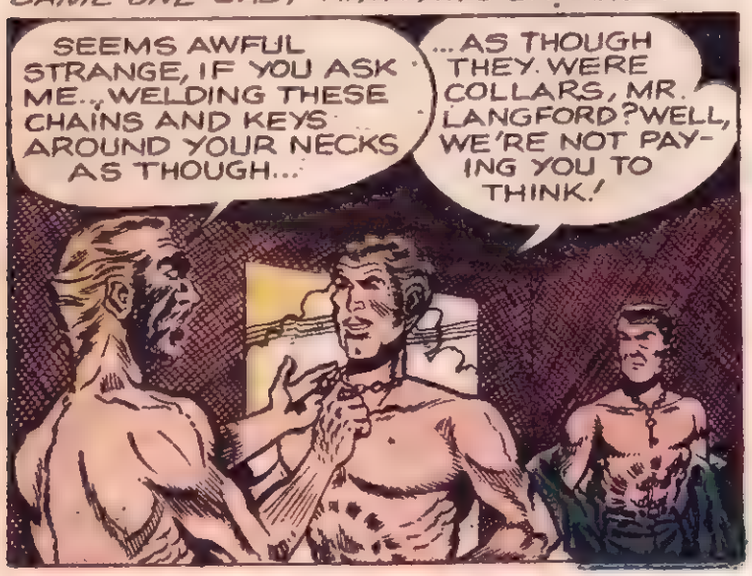
SHORTLY YOU RECEIVE AN ACCEPTANCE, BUT WITH AN UNEXPECTED **AMENDMENT...**

...BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT IT IS THE **CHALLENGED** WHO RECEIVES THE RIGHT TO NAME THE WEAPONS! I THEREFORE DEMAND THAT YOUR SUGGESTION OF **ONE PISTOL EACH** BE DELETED! INSTEAD WE WILL EACH BE ARMED WITH **TWO SMALL KNIVES...**

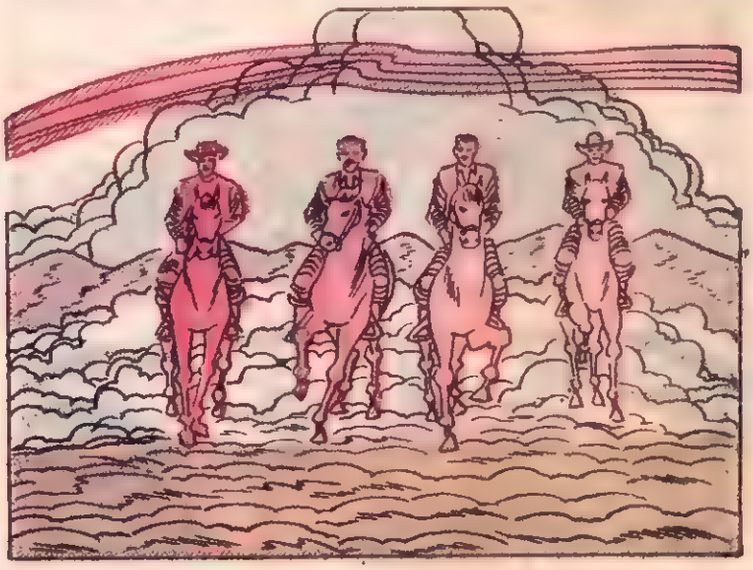
AS THE FOLLOWING YEAR DREW TO A CLOSE, SCORES OF MEXICAN PEONS BROUGHT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUGE **SECTION SQUARE** UNSCALABLE WALL NEAR COMPLETION! THE UNEDUCATED NATIVES WERE AWE STRUCK AT THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR LABORS! THEY REFERRED TO IT SIMPLY AS "THE WALL" UNTIL ITS SIZE MAGNIFIED IT'S IMPORTANCE AND IT WAS CHRISTENED AFTER ITS SITE.. THE **WALL OF COAHUILA!**



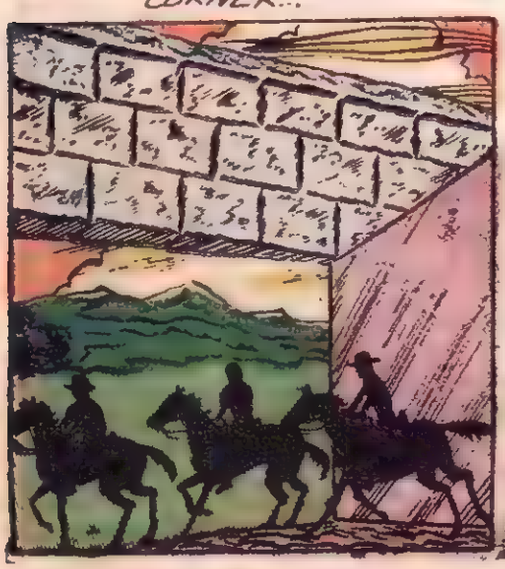
COMPLICATED INHERITANCE PAPERS WERE NEGOTIATED WITH BOTH OF YOU NAMED AS THE OTHER'S BENEFICIARY! IN THE EVENT OF ONE'S SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE! THEN CAME ONE LAST ANNOYING ERRAND..



YOU HAD SET **NOON, OCT. 11,** AS THE FATAL BEGINNING TIME... AND YOU CAN SEE THE TWO OF YOU AND YOUR **CHOSEN SECONDS** RIDING SILENTLY FORWARD AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR! THAT WAS **YESTERDAY!**

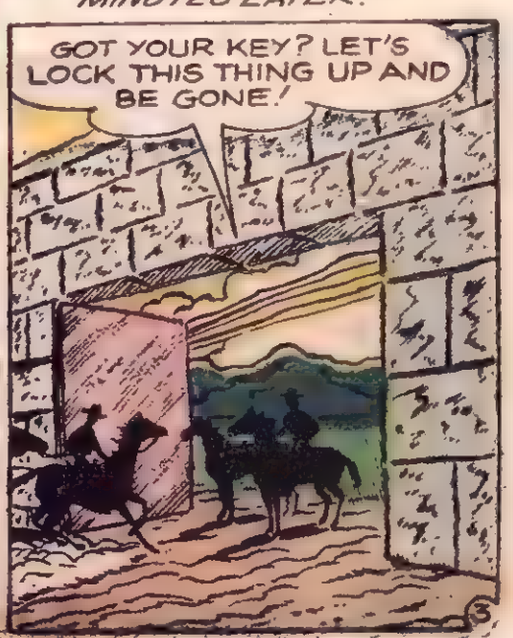


THE QUARTET ENTERED THE WALL'S **ONLY GATE** AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER A FEW MINUTES BEFORE TWELVE! YOUR SECOND ESCORTED NELSON TO HIS STARTING POINT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER...

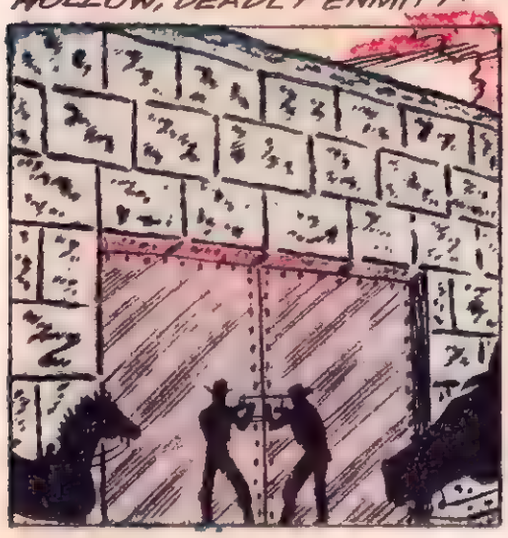


...WHILE **HIS** SECOND AND **YOU** MADE THE LONG TREK TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER...

YOU WERE THEN LEFT TO **SEEK EACH OTHER OUT!** THE TWO ATTENDANTS MET AT THE STARTING POINT MINUTES LATER!



THE RELUCTANT HINGES SQUEALED FROM THE BURDEN OF THE CLOSING CAST IRON DOORS! THE TWO MEN **EACH TURNED A KEY** AND THERE WERE TWO DULL CLICKS... EACH CARRYING A HOLLOW, DEADLY ENMITY!



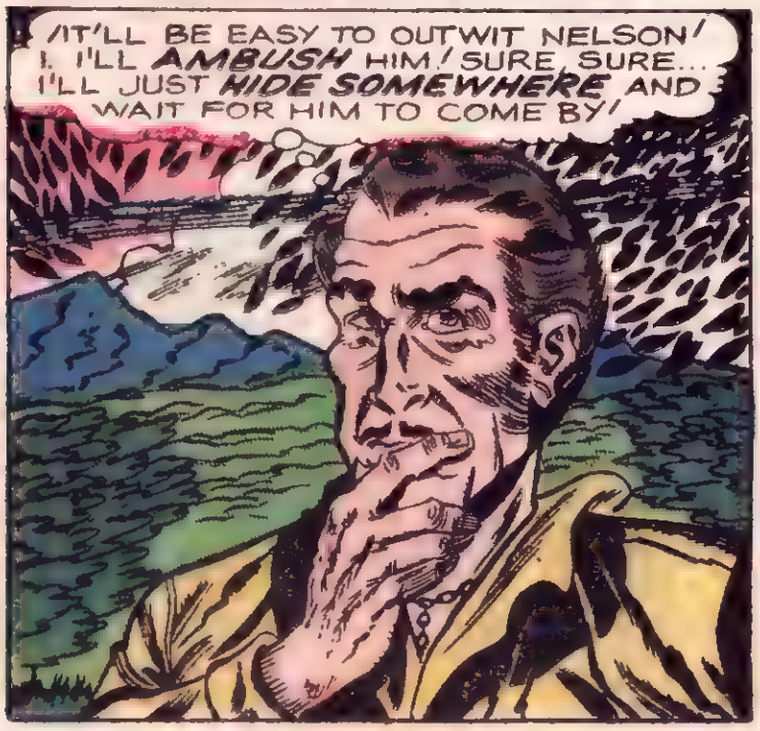
THE TWO PUPPETS FOLLOWED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER... LEAVING YOU TWO **ALONE**... ALONE **TO DECIDE YOUR OWN FATES!**

EXCEPT FOR SECRECY, THE LAST ACTION FOR WHICH THEY WERE PAID WAS TO **DISCARD** THEIR KEYS INTO THE **RIO BABIA!**

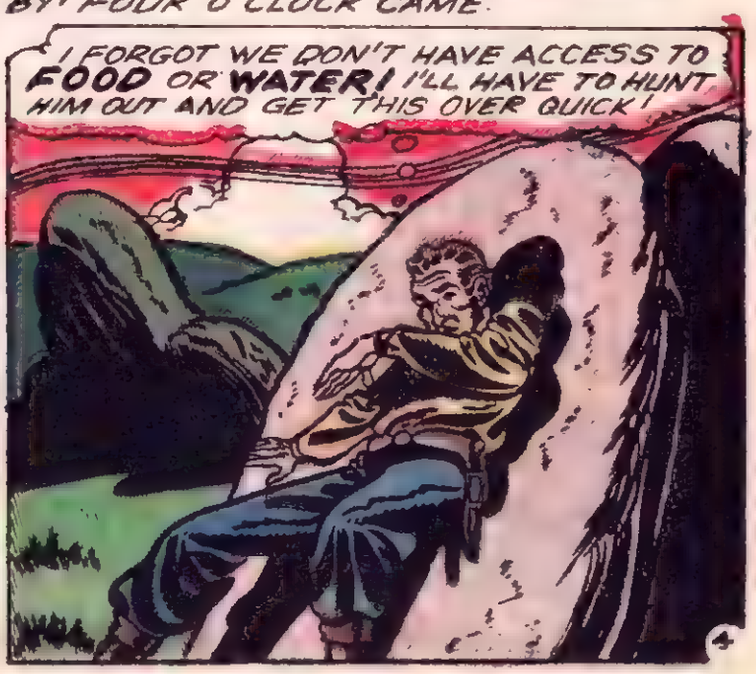
IT WAS ABOUT THEN, ELDON COX, THAT THE SENSATION OF LONELINESS BEGAN TO CREEP INTO YOUR BONES!... AND, TRULY, YOU WERE ALONE. MUCH MORE SO THAN IF THERE WERE **NO ONE ELSE NEARBY!**

THEY SAY THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES... BUT YOU WONDERED HOW DARKNESS COULD STARE AT YOU WITH MORE **EMPTY NOTHINGNESS** THAN THE STILL THAT MET YOUR EVERY GLANCE!

SOON YOU REGAIN YOUR COMPOSURE!



... BUT A SECTION IS A **LOT OF LAND!** YOU COULD HAVE WAITED THERE **DAYS** BEFORE HE MIGHT HAVE WANDERED BY! FOUR O'CLOCK CAME.



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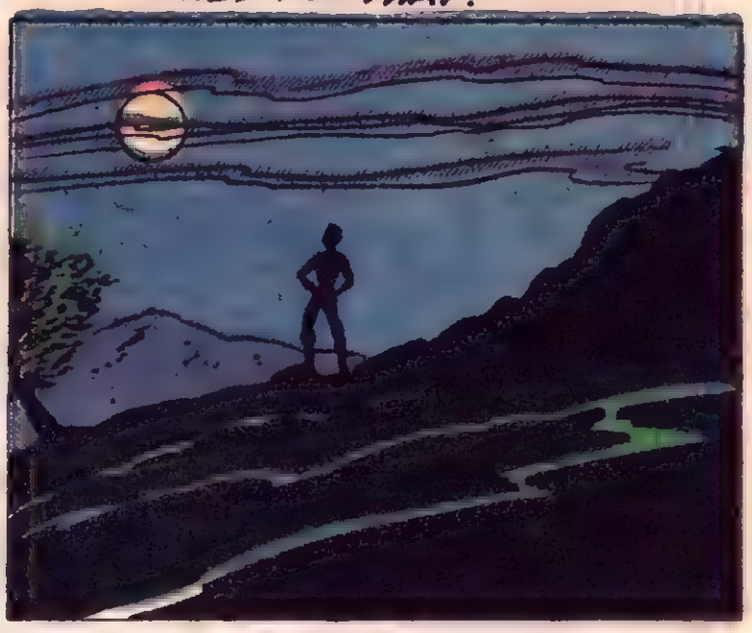
THE LAST GLIMMER OF SUNLIGHT FADED AND THE MOON ROSE, IT WAS THE NIGHT OF THE NEW MOON! YOU HAD CAREFULLY PLANNED FOR THAT!



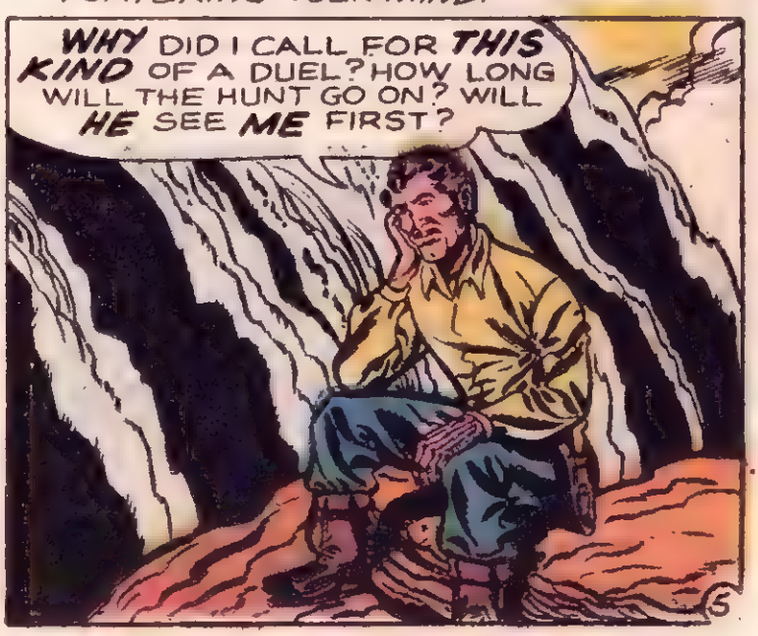
IT WAS AROUND NINE YOU BEGAN TO NOTICE THE FATIGUE IN YOUR LEGS! YOUR EXCITEMENT HAD TEMPORARILY HIDDEN THE SOFTNESS OF YOUR BODY!... SOFTNESS THAT HAD CREPT INTO THE LEISURE OF YOUR MIDDLE AGE!

OH YES... THE KNIVES! YOU CAREFULLY WITHDREW THE LONG SLENDER KNIFE FROM YOUR RIGHT SIDE! THIS KNIFE WAS SPECIALLY BALANCED... FOR THROWING!

YOU RETURNED IT AND FINGERED THE OTHER! IT WAS A MUCH CRUDER KNIVE, THOUGH SHARPENED TO A RAZOR'S EDGE!

...TO CUT OFF NELSON'S HEAD! THIS WAS PRACTICALLY IMPERATIVE, FOR AROUND HIS NECK WAS WELDED THE MATE TO YOUR KEY... THE PAIR THAT WAS YOUR ONLY OUTLET FROM YOUR SELF-IMPOSED PRISON!

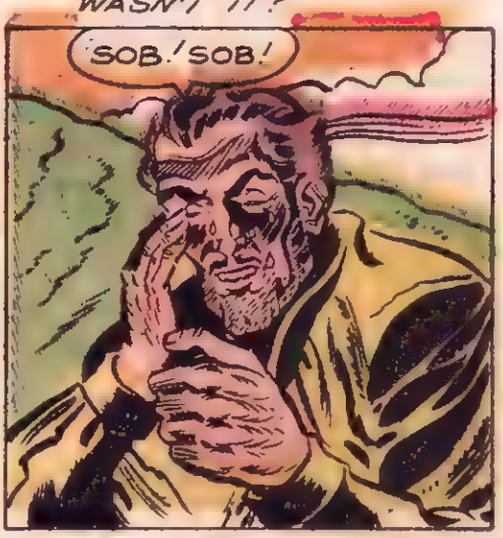
EVENING BECAME MORNING! THREE O'CLOCK AND... QUESTIONS... THOUGHTS... DOUBTS BEGAN TORTURING YOUR MIND!



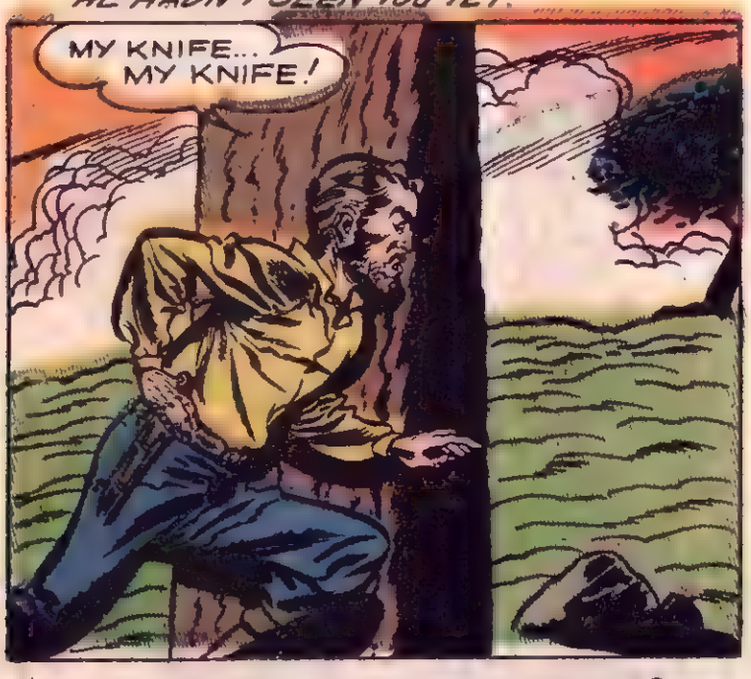
THE GRAY DAWNLIGHT BRIGHTENED AND YOUR EYELIDS GREW HEAVY, BUT THE **QUESTIONS** KEPT **BURNING**...

...UNTIL YOU COULD STAND IT **NO LONGER!**

YOU BURIED YOUR FACE IN YOUR HANDS AND **CRIED,** ELDON COX! FOR AN INSTANT YOU WISHED YOU WERE **DEAD,** BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE FIGHTING **AGAINST,** WASN'T IT?

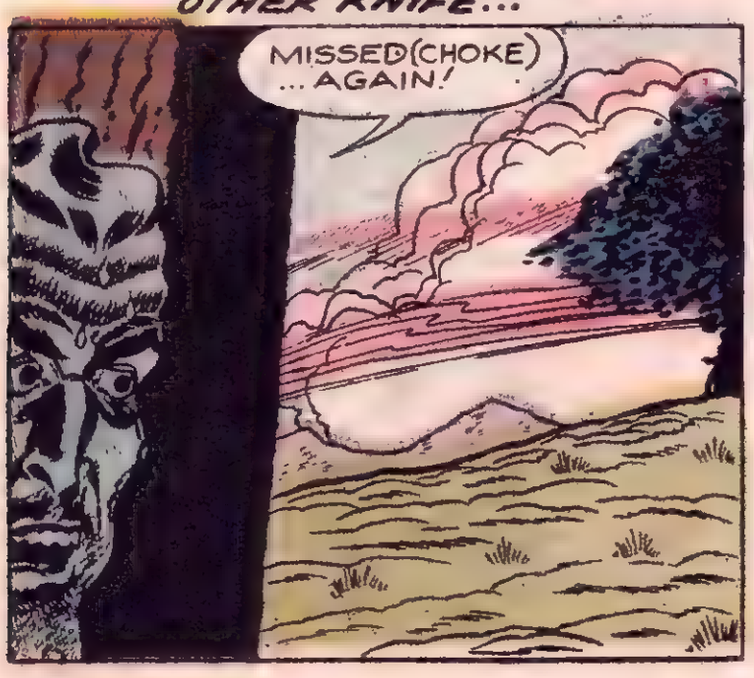


THE **CRACK OF A TWIG** AND YOUR HEAD POPPED UP! IT WAS NELSON! YOUR SHOUTS MUST HAVE ATTRACTED HIM, BUT HE HADN'T SEEN YOU YET!

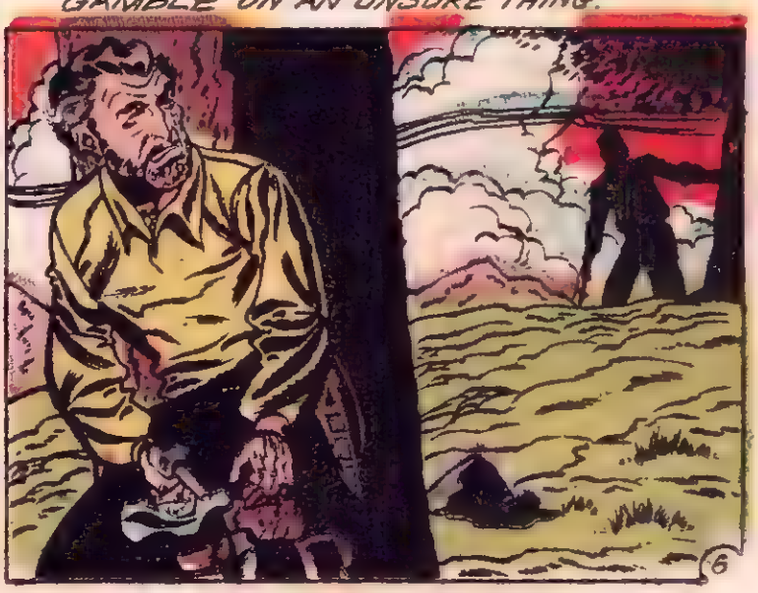


YOU THREW QUICKLY TO CATCH YOUR OPPONENT UNAWARES BUT YOUR **AIM** WAS **POOR**...

YOU SAW HIM CAREFULLY **REACHING** FOR HIS BELT AND NOT **SUSPECTING** YOU WOULD FRANTICALLY FLING YOUR **OTHER KNIFE**...

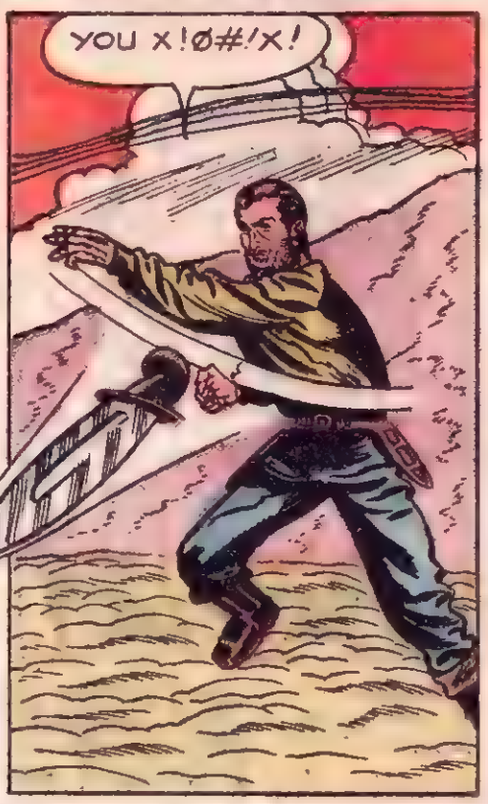


HE WAS **COCKY** NOW... ALMOST **OVER-CONFIDENT** AS HE APPROACHED! YOU CROUCHED AND REMOVED A SMALL PISTOL FROM INSIDE YOUR TROUSERS LEG! YOU DIDN'T **REALLY** WANT TO HAVE TO USE IT, DID YOU? BUT YOU JUST **COULDN'T** GAMBLE ON AN UNSURE THING!



SMALL WONDER YOUR SUB-CONSCIOUS PLAGUED YOU WITH DOUBTS WHETHER OR NOT NELSON HAD A **CONCEALED WEAPON**... FOR THE **DISTRUSTFUL** ARE THE MOST **DISTRUSTING**... YOU FIRED!

AND YOUR FOE THREW SIMULTANEOUSLY!

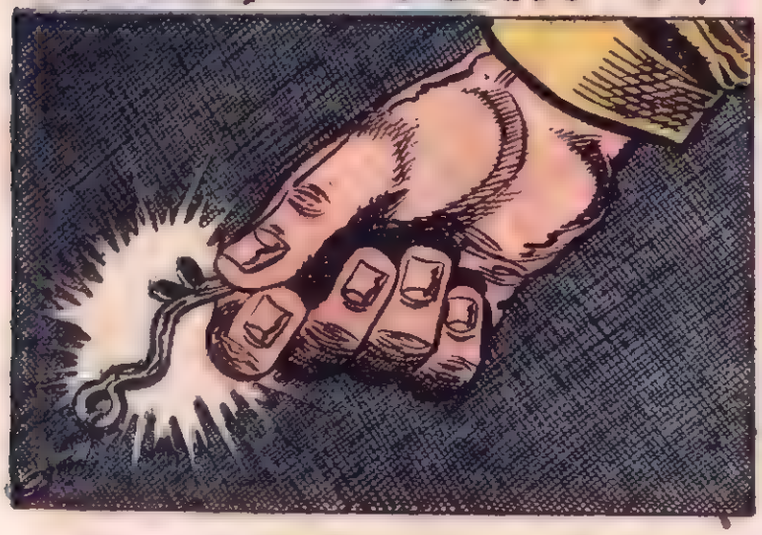


NELSON SPUN AND FELL...HE WAS **DEAD!** YOU SLUMPED TO THE GROUND AND TUGGED AT HIS KNIFE, WHICH HAD **CAUGHT YOU** IN THE **RIGHT SIDE!**

YOU SLID THE BLADE FROM YOUR WOUND AND JUMPED HIS LIFELESS FORM TO RELEASE YOUR PENT-UP FRENZY! YOU SLASHED AND TORE AND STABBED THE FLESH OF HIS STOMACH AND CHEST UNTIL... **UNTIL...**

...IN A MOMENT'S FLASHBACK YOU REMEMBERED THE WHOLE SET-UP OF YOUR DUEL... THE TEDIOUS PLANS... THE IRONY OF HAVING SPENT SO MUCH! THE SIGHT BEFORE YOU HAD SPURRED THOSE THOUGHTS... SO NOW YOU LOOK **ONCE MORE... STILL UNBELIEVING!**

IN THE CLIMAX OF AN UNEQUAL JOUST THE BULLET THAT ENDED NELSON'S LIFE HAD PASSED SENTENCE ON YOUR OWN... FOR DANGLING FROM HIS NECK IS EVIDENCE OF YOUR **DEADLY AIM**... **A TWISTED, NOW USELESS KEY!**



THERE IS A **FAINT SMILE** ON YOUR LIPS NOW, AS YOU PAINFULLY TRUDGE TOWARD THE DISTANT GATE, WITH A BLOOD-SOAKED HAND HOLDING YOUR **UNATTENDED WOUND!** YOU **FULLY RECOGNIZE** HUMAN WEAKNESSES, SO YOU CLING TO YOUR **LAST HOPE**. THAT NELSON'S VACATED SECOND **FORGOT** TO TURN HIS KEY IN ONE OF THE DOORS TWO LOCKS. THAT WOULD MEAN, ELSON, THIS ISN'T... **THE END!**

The CHASE!
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW EDDY... IN MY LIVING ROOM MAKING LOVE TO MY DAUGHTER, LAURA! INSTANTLY I FELT THERE WAS SOMETHING EVIL ABOUT HIM... SOMETHING THREATENING AND DANGEROUS! NOT THAT I CARED ABOUT HIM, IT WAS LAURA THAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT. SHE WAS MY LOVE, MY LIFE... I COULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HER!
THAT'S HOW IT ALL BEGAN, AND I DID MY BEST TO END IT RIGHT THEN AND THERE. BUT YOU CAN'T REASON VERY WELL WITH A GIRL IN LOVE...
BUT, LAURA, HE'S NOTHING BUT A CHEAP GANGSTER! I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM BEFORE... HE'S JUST NO GOOD!
OH DADDY, I'M SURE YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT EDDY. HE'S... WELL, HE'S JUST WONDERFUL!
BESIDES, I LOVE HIM! AND YOU ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU WANTED ME TO BE HAPPY, DIDN'T YOU?
OF COURSE I DO, DARLING... AND I DON'T THINK THAT EDDY IS THE MAN WHO IS GOING TO GIVE YOU THAT HAPPINESS! SO YOU WILL BE CAREFUL WITH HIM, WON'T YOU?

I SAW LITTLE OF LAURA AFTER THAT... SHE WAS ALWAYS OUT WITH EDDY AND I, OF COURSE, WAS TIED UP WITH BUSINESS... THOSE WERE MY TWO LOVES, MY DAUGHTER AND MY BUSINESS.. WITHOUT THEM LIFE WASN'T WORTH LIVING!

THE ONLY TIME I DID GET TO SEE LAURA WAS AFTER AN EVENING WITH EDDY... EDDY, WHO HAD COMPLETELY CAPTURED HER!

OH, I'M SO HAPPY DADDY! HE... HE'S JUST PERFECT!

I WISH I COULD BE AS SURE OF HIM AS YOU ARE! I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY, LAURA... BUT PLEASE **BE CAREFUL!** HE'S LIABLE TO HURT YOU, AND I COULDN'T STAND THAT!

THAT'S HOW THINGS WERE ALL SUMMER, ME, COMPLETELY ENGROSSED IN MY BUSINESS HAVING LITTLE TIME FOR LAURA! NOT THAT SHE MISSED ME, FOR EDDY COMPLETELY OCCUPIED HER TIME!

AND THAT'S WHAT I KNEW WOULD EVENTUALLY HAPPEN DID HAPPEN... THE UNHAPPINESS OF LAURA! HOLDING HER IN MY ARMS WATCHING HER CRYING HER HEART OUT WAS TEARING PIECES OUT OF ME... BUT I HAD WARNED HER AND NOW SHE MUST SUFFER!

HE... SOB... STOOD ME UP AGAIN... AND IT HASN'T BEEN THE FIRST TIME! OH DADDY, DOESN'T HE LOVE ME ANY MORE... SOB...

THERE, THERE, DARLING... YOU'LL GET OVER HIM... PERHAPS IT'S ALL FOR THE BEST!

I KNEW THE TYPE OF DIVE EDDY FREQUENTED AND IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG TO LOCATE HIM! AND AS SOON AS I DID I IMMEDIATELY KNEW THE REASON FOR LAURA'S UNHAPPINESS...

OH EDDY, YOU'RE NOT JUST GIVING ME A LINE, ARE YOU? YOU REALLY DO LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?

SURE I DO, BABY... ESPECIALLY AFTER LAST NIGHT!

THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO... TALK IT OVER WITH HIM! AFTER ALL, MY DAUGHTER'S HAPPINESS WAS AT STAKE!

...BUT YOU SAID YOU LOVED HER! HOW COULD YOU JUST FORGET HER LIKE THIS... DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FEELINGS?

ARE YOU KIDDING! SHE WAS OKAY FOR LAUGHS, BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS IT EVER WENT WITH ME... ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE STARTED TO TALK ABOUT GETTING HITCHED! BESIDES, I'VE GOT OTHER INTERESTS RIGHT NOW...

SURE, TO EDDY IT WAS JUST FOR LAUGHS... BUT LAURA DIDN'T TAKE IT THAT WAY... TO HER IT WAS NO LAUGHING MATTER!

OH... EDDY... EDDY... EDDY... I... LOVE... YOU... SO...

THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED WERE LIKE A LIVING HELL TO ME... I COULDN'T STAND WATCHING MY DAUGHTER EAT HER HEART OUT! THE ONLY THING TO DO WAS TO GET HER AWAY FROM THE CITY... MAYBE THEN SHE WOULD FORGET EDDY! A VACATION WAS THE ANSWER TO MY PROBLEM!

FINALLY THE DAY ARRIVED...

READY, LAURA? THE TAXI'S HERE TO TAKE US TO THE AIRPORT! LAURA... ARE YOU IN THERE, LAURA!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

DESPERATELY I FLUNG OPEN THE DOOR... AND SAW HER! MY DAUGHTER HAD FOUND HER OWN WAY OF FORGETTING! SUICIDE!

LAURA! OH NO!

EDDY HAD MURDERED MY DAUGHTER! TRUE, THERE WAS NO WAY OF CONVICTING HIM OF THE CRIME... BUT HE WAS GOING TO PAY FOR IT ANYWAY!

MY DAUGHTER **DIED** BY THIS BLADE... AND SO **SHALL YOU!** I **SWEAR** IT OVER HER DEAD BODY! YOU SHALL KNOW NO PEACE UNTIL I HUNT YOU DOWN AND PLUNGE THIS KNIFE DEEP INTO YOUR HEART!

I HAD MADE THAT VOW AND NOW I WAS GOING TO KEEP IT! IT MEANT GIVING UP MY BUSINESS, BUT MONEY NO LONGER WAS IMPORTANT... THE ONLY THING THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME WAS VENGEANCE! AND I KNEW WHERE TO FIND IT... IN THE CHEAP DIVES WHERE THE CHEAP HOODLUM WOULD HANG OUT!

AND IT DIDN'T TAKE ME TOO LONG TO FIND HIM! FROM THE TERROR ON HIS FACE HE REALIZED THAT I WASN'T PAYING HIM A SOCIAL VISIT... THIS WAS A VISIT TO EVEN THE SCORE!

MY ARM RAISED SLOWLY AS HE STARED HORROR-STRICKEN AT ME...

...AND THE BLADE OF VENGEANCE WAS ON ITS WAY!

...BUT IT DIDN'T STRIKE ITS TARGET! VENGEANCE WAS STILL NOT MINE!

THUD!

I STRUGGLED WITH THE KNIFE AND SAW EDDY RACING TO FREEDOM! I HAD LOST MY CHANCE FOR REVENGE!

THIS TIME I **MISSED**... BUT THERE'LL BE **OTHER TIMES!** I'LL **GET YOU** IF I HAVE TO TRAIL YOU TO THE **ENDS** OF THE **EARTH!**

AND I DID! MY FORTUNE WAS SPENT ON TRACKING DOWN EVERY RUMOR OF EDDY'S WHEREABOUTS! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR ME TO BECOME FRIENDLY WITH THE UNDERWORLD! FOR THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WOULD KNOW WHERE THE HOODLUM WAS HIDING OUT! SOON I HAD LOST ALL CONTACT WITH MY FORMER ASSOCIATES.. BUT I DIDN'T CARE, THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON WHO INTERESTED ME EDDY!

I FINALLY TRACKED HIM DOWN... IN PARIS!

YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND AN AMERICAN GANGSTER NAMED EDDY? HAS RED HAIR AND A SCAR ON HIS CHEEK? I WAS TOLD YOU WERE A GOOD FRIEND OF HIS!

OUI, MONSIEUR... I KNOW HIM WELL! YOU CAN FIND HIM AT THE MONTMARTE... PROBABLY IN SOME BAR!

AT LAST I FOUND HIM! AND FROM THE LOOK OF TERROR ON HIS FACE I KNEW THE SATISFACTION THAT I WAS GOING TO ACHIEVE...

...WHEN MY BLADE WOULD TASTE THE BLOOD OF VENGEANCE!

BUT ONCE AGAIN I HAD MISSED! IN MY EAGERNESS I HAD BEEN TOO QUICK... AND EDDY WAS STILL ALIVE! BUT THE CHASE WASN'T OVER... IT WAS JUST BEGINNING!

THE TRAIL GREW COLD AFTER THAT, BUT REALIZING WHAT HAD ALLOWED HIM TO ESCAPE I TOOK STEPS TO SEE THAT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

ANOTHER BULLSEYE! NEXT TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT... NEXT TIME I WON'T MISS!

IN TIME I BECAME QUITE PROFICIENT WITH THE BLADE, NOT THAT I REALLY CARED ABOUT IT... BUT WORD OF MY REPUTATION GOT AROUND SOMEHOW AND IN THE UNDER-WORLD DIVES I BECAME KNOWN AS THE "KNIFE THROWER".

HAVEN'T HEARD WHERE HE IS... BUT AS SOON AS I DO I'LL LET YOU KNOW!

THANKS... BUT I'LL FIND HIM... I'LL NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL I DO!

BUT THE WORLD SEEMED TO HAVE SWALLOWED HIM UP... AND FOR YEARS THERE WAS NO TRACE OF EDDY! I AGED QUICKLY IN THOSE DAYS, AND IT WAS ONLY THE OBSESSION OF VENGEANCE THAT KEPT ME GOING! SOMEWHERE I'D FIND HIM AGAIN... AND WHEN I DID...

FINALLY I RECEIVED THE MESSAGE I HAD BEEN WAITING FOR... AND LONDON WAS MY DESTINATION! I LOCATED HIM... IT WASN'T TOO DIFFICULT THIS TIME... THE LADYKILLER WAS STILL AT WORK!

IT'S... IT'S... HIM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DARLING... YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST!

BUT EDDY WASN'T READY TO DIE JUST YET... HE WAS GOING TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE!

GO AHEAD, THROW IT! I DARE YOU!

I CAN'T... I'LL KILL THE WRONG PERSON! I CAN'T...

...AGAIN HE ESCAPED THE STING OF MY BLADE!

I WATCHED HIM DISAPPEAR INTO THE DARK, SWIRLING WATERS AND THAT WAS THAT! I HAD MISSED MY OPPORTUNITY! I LOST HIS TRAIL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, AND BEING OLD IN BOTH BODY AND SPIRIT I RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES! I WAS TOO OLD TO CONTINUE THE CHASE!

NOPE, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR OF HIM EITHER! IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

I JUST CAN'T CONTINUE ANY MORE... I'M TOO OLD, TOO TIRED!

STILL HAVE THE SAME KNIFE, DON'T YOU? BET YOU'VE LOST YOUR TOUCH, THOUGH... I HEARD ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION... BUT SEEING IS BELIEVING!

I HAVEN'T LOST THE TOUCH! I NEVER DID GET TO TRY OUT MY HAND... BUT I HAVEN'T LOST THE TOUCH!

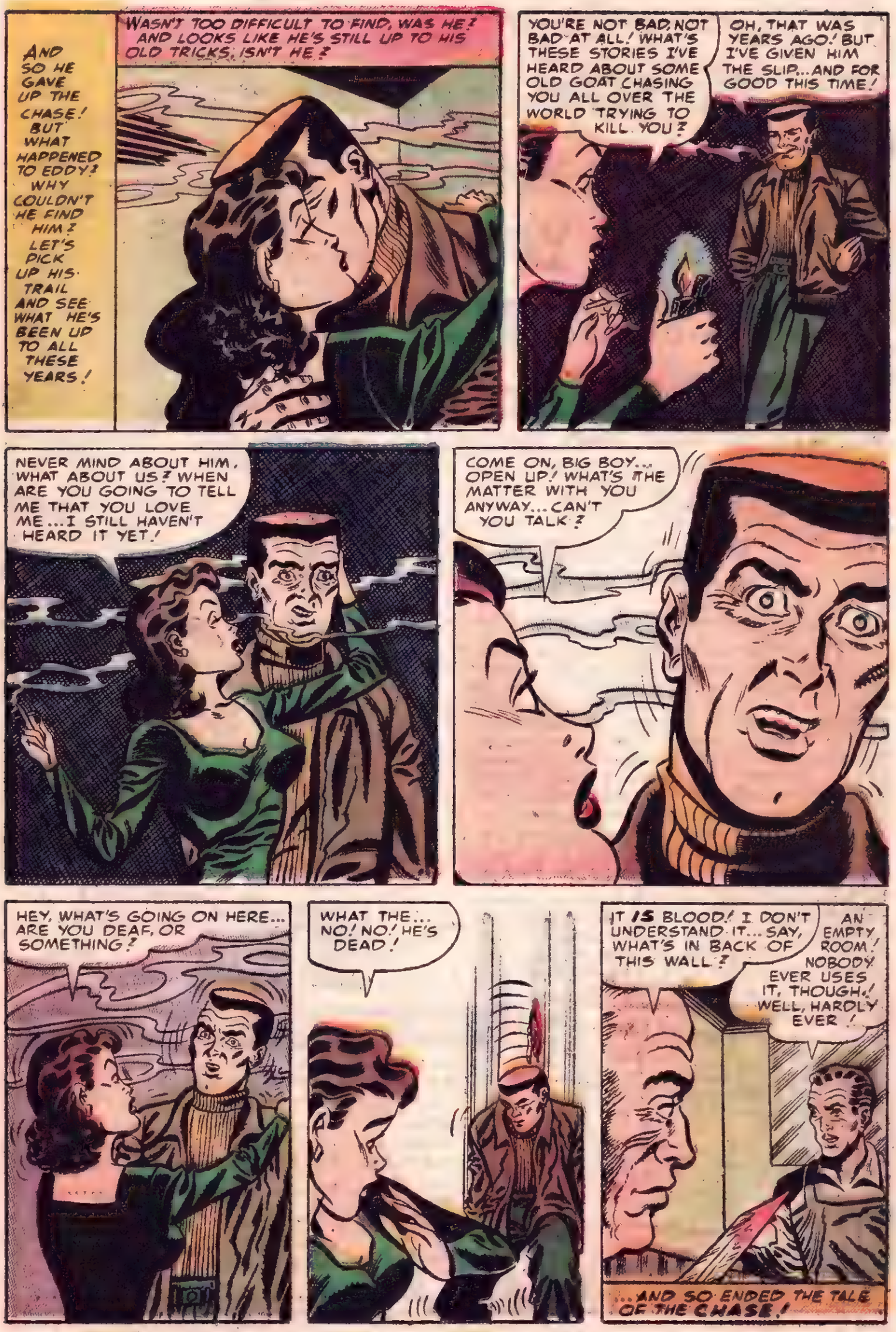
SEE THAT DEATH'S HEAD? WELL, WATCH IT'S RIGHT EYE!

NO... I HAVEN'T LOST MY TOUCH!

NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT... YOU SURE CAN FLING THAT BLADE!

ONLY I'LL NEVER GET THE CHANCE AGAIN... GUESS EDDY WILL GET AWAY WITH THE MURDER OF MY DAUGHTER!

HMM; LOOKS LIKE BLOOD ON THE BLADE... I DON'T UNDERSTAND! MUST BE RUST... BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE CLEANED IT! SURE, THAT'S IT... MUST BE RUST!


AND SO HE GAVE UP THE CHASE! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO EDDY? WHY COULDN'T HE FIND HIM? LET'S PICK UP HIS TRAIL AND SEE WHAT HE'S BEEN UP TO ALL THESE YEARS!
WASN'T TOO DIFFICULT TO FIND, WAS HE? AND LOOKS LIKE HE'S STILL UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS, ISN'T HE?
YOU'RE NOT BAD, NOT BAD AT ALL! WHAT'S THESE STORIES I'VE HEARD ABOUT SOME OLD GOAT CHASING YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD TRYING TO KILL YOU?
OH, THAT WAS YEARS AGO! BUT I'VE GIVEN HIM THE SLIP... AND FOR GOOD THIS TIME!
NEVER MIND ABOUT HIM, WHAT ABOUT US? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME... I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD IT YET!
COME ON, BIG BOY... OPEN UP! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU ANYWAY... CAN'T YOU TALK?
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE... ARE YOU DEAF, OR SOMETHING?
WHAT THE... NO! NO! HE'S DEAD!
IT IS BLOOD! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT... SAY, WHAT'S IN BACK OF THIS WALL?
AN EMPTY ROOM! NOBODY EVER USES IT, THOUGH! WELL, HARDLY EVER!
...AND SO ENDED THE TALE OF THE CHASE!

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The night was soft and dark and eerie with wispy bits of cotton fog floating in and settling around buildings and trees and streets like strokes on a modernistic painting. The dampness clung like pieces of towel lint. Then suddenly through the broken stillness he saw it. The light! The beacon. Calling . . . beckoning . . . drawing him to it.

He floated through the blackness toward the light and then stopped at the window. Must get to the light . . . have to get to the light. But how? The window was closed!

He went from pane to pane and still no entrance. Then he circled the house seeking a way in. Panic spread through him whenever he lost sight of the light, but then it would reappear at another window and the shiver of excitement would go through him again. He had to get to that light. To feel its warmth, to bask in its glow . . . get to the light!

He went up the side of the building . . . slipping . . . falling . . . but managing to move upwards. Nothing could stop him . . . nothing! Then he found the open window . . . just a slight crack, but enough! He strained and he struggled and when he was ready to concede defeat he would think of the light and would draw on some superhuman strength . . . some hidden power. And finally he was inside! In the small dark room . . . but inside. Somewhere below him was the light . . . was his goal . . . was his God!

He floated down the dark hall like someone in a trance. Nothing could have stopped him as he headed for his goal. It was like an obsession . . . like dope. And luckily nothing bared his way.

He came to the head of the stairs and blinked as the light suddenly filtered through the darkness. There it was . . . beaming . . . gleaming . . . glowing! His for the taking!

Then the voices drifted up toward him. People. He shuddered. They would stop him . . . they would try to. They would wonder where he had come from . . . how had he gotten inside. But then they would shrug it off just like they always did. That's because they didn't understand...they couldn't understand. Because they had lights . . . always . . . ever glowing . . . the flick of a switch and they could be bathed in its glowing warmth. They didn't know what it was . . . this obsession . . . this urge . . . this desire! But they couldn't stop him now. Not now . . . so close!

He raced down the stairs and across the room and the people looked up and

saw him. Some of them shuddered . . . some of them grinned . . . some of them shook their heads . . . and then they forgot about him. And he headed toward the light.

He drifted toward the bright bulb and felt its warmth embrace him . . . caress him . . . soothe him. It was like . . . like . . . like heaven!

Get closer! Have to get closer!

He tried to embrace it . . . even get inside . . . wrap its warmth within himself. And then the spasm hit him. He stumbled . . . fell to the floor . . . gasping . . . panting . . . but still alive. He lay there a moment looking at the light.

Must get back . . . have to get back . . . can't stop now!

He shuddered once, and then with some superhuman hidden strength made it back to the light. Once more it's head embraced him . . . warmed him. Again and again he came to the bulb . . . feeling it's searing strength. More. More . . . He wanted more.

The bulb shattered as he hurled himself against it. Then he fell to the floor. Exhausted . . . beat . . . dead.

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The man replaced the bulb shaking his head. He turned to his wife who sat in the rocker quietly moving to and fro. "Never saw anything like it. You'd think that bulb was God or something! I've seen them do crazy things, but never break a bulb before!"

Then he bent down and picked up the scared moth by a broken wing and dropped it disdainfully in the garbage pail.

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IF EVER THERE LIVED A CRUEL, SADISTIC BEAST, IT WAS COCHON, THE JAILKEEPER... AND IT WAS ONCE WOE UNTO THE PRISONERS IN HIS CHARGE. FOR THEY WERE TO UNDERGO A TORTURE THAT WAS WORSE THAN DEATH ITSELF... THE TORTURE OF ENDLESS, BURNING...
HUNGER!
WHY SO GLOOMY, PRISONERS? SURELY YOU DO NOT BEGRUDGE YOUR JAILER A FEW TINY MORSELS OF FOOD! HA HA HA HA HA HA HO HOHO!
DEEP IN THE CASTLE DUNGEON OF THE MARQUIS DE VIELOT, COCHON, THE JAILER, ADMITTED FIVE NEW PRISONERS WITH UNCONCEALED DELIGHT... FOR TO COCHON, PRISONERS MEANT MORE FOOD FOR HIS OWN FAT BELLY...
SO THESE ARE THE MISBEGOTTEN OFFSPRING OF THE ILL-FATED DUC DE MARABON, EH?
AYE! THEY SOUGHT VENGEANCE FOR THEIR FATHER'S DEATH AT THE HANDS OF OUR MASTER, AND SET UPON HIM AS HE RODE TO VERSAILLES. THEY WOULD SURELY HAVE KILLED HIM HAD WE NOT BEEN RIDING CLOSE BEHIND HIM!
COCHON'S FACE GLOWED IN PLEASURABLE ANTICIPATION...
THE MASTER HAS ORDERED THEM KEPT IN CHAINS UNTIL HIS RETURN. HE WOULD OVERSEE THEIR EXECUTION PERSONALLY!
AND ARE THEY TO BE FED?... WILL FOOD BE SENT DOWN FROM THE KITCHENS?
OF COURSE. THE MASTER WILL NOT RETURN FOR MANY WEEKS. THEY MUST BE KEPT ALIVE TILL THEN!

AFTER COCHON HAD GORGED HIMSELF TO THE UTMOST, HE FLUNG THE SCRAPS TO THE PRISONERS... THEY LOOKED AT HIM, UNDISGUISED HATRED IN THEIR EYES, BUT THEY MADE NO MOVE TOWARDS THE FOOD HE HAD THROWN AT THEIR FEET...

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SO NOW YOU ARE NOT TO PROUD TO EAT FROM MY PLATE ...HA HA HA ... GO ON, EAT... IT IS ONLY BECAUSE I MUST KEEP YOU ALIVE THAT I GIVE YOU EVEN THE GARBAGE!

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

A COURIER HAS COME BRINGING NEWS OF THE MASTER'S RETURN! HE HAS ORDERED THAT THE PRISONERS BE ALLOWED TO **CHOOSE** THEIR **SUPPER** TONIGHT... FOR TOMORROW THEY **DIE!**

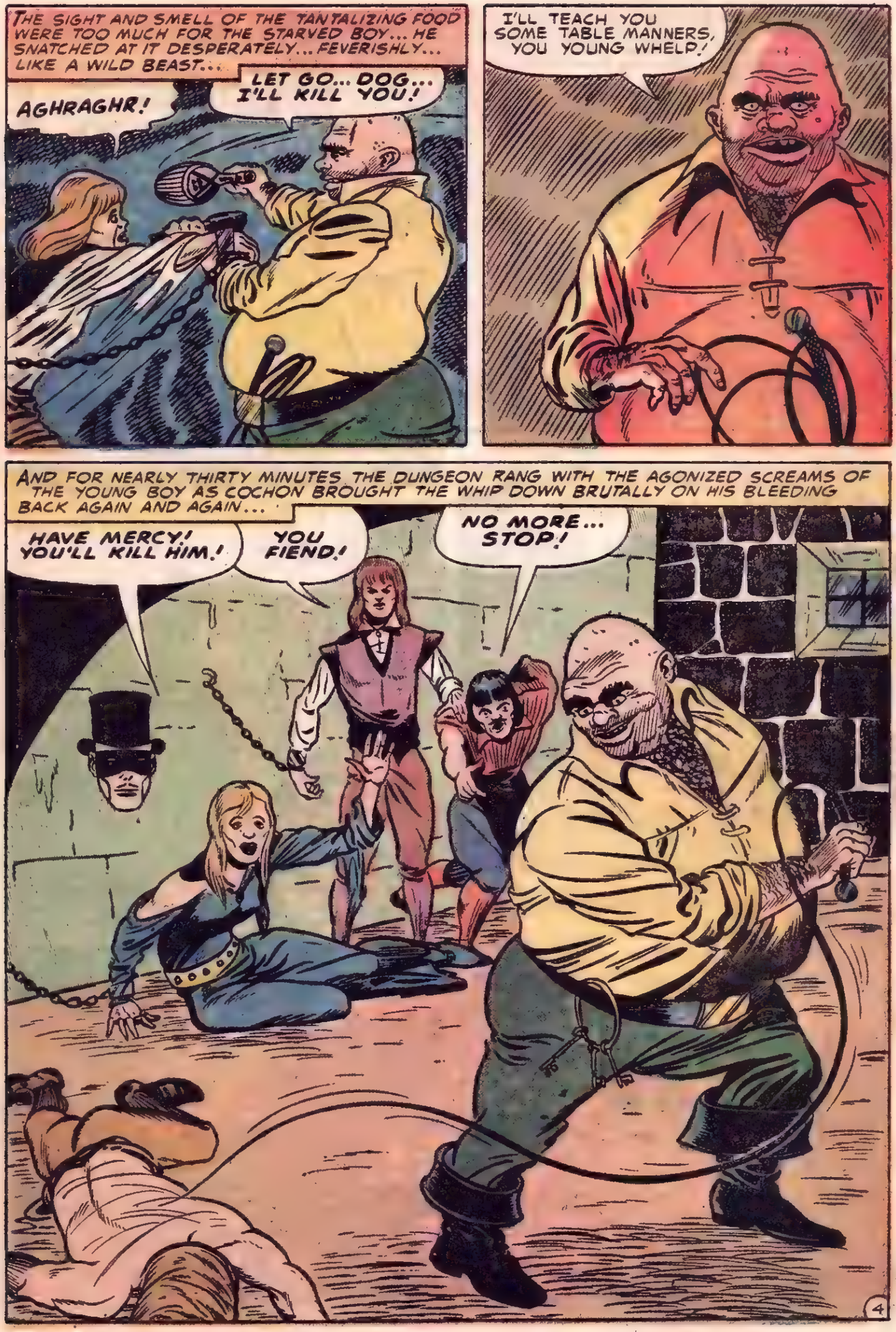
THE LAST SUPPER. EH? HA HA... SO BE IT!

DID YOU HEAR? THIS IS TO BE YOUR **LAST SUPPER!** HAVE YOU ANY REQUESTS? NO? THEN I SHALL ORDER FOR YOU DELICACIES FIT FOR A KING!

AND WHEN THE FOOD WAS BROUGHT, COCHON MADE GREAT SPORT WITH IT BEFORE THE ANGUISHED EYES OF THE PRISONERS! HE HELD UP EACH MOUTHFUL, TAUNTING THEM WITH IT... DELIGHTING IN THEIR ANGUISH... REVELING IN HIS POWER OVER THEM...

AH...DELICIOUS! YOU CANNOT IMAGINE HOW DELECTABLE IS THIS ROAST PHEASANT!

HERE... SMELL THAT WONDERFUL AROMA!


THE SIGHT AND SMELL OF THE TANTALIZING FOOD WERE TOO MUCH FOR THE STARVED BOY... HE SNATCHED AT IT DESPERATELY... FEVERISHLY... LIKE A WILD BEAST...
AGHRAGHR!
LET GO... DOG... I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL TEACH YOU SOME TABLE MANNERS, YOU YOUNG WHELP!
AND FOR NEARLY THIRTY MINUTES THE DUNGEON RANG WITH THE AGONIZED SCREAMS OF THE YOUNG BOY AS COCHON BROUGHT THE WHIP DOWN BRUTALLY ON HIS BLEEDING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN...
HAVE MERCY! YOU'LL KILL HIM!
YOU FIEND!
NO MORE... STOP!
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COCHON CONTINUED THE LASHING UNTIL HE SAW THE BOY WAS **CLOSE TO DEATH!** THEN HE TURNED TO THE OTHERS...

I FEAR THAT THIS EXERCISE HAS **INCREASED MY APPETITE**... THERE WILL BE **NO SCRAPS** FOR YOU TONIGHT, MY UNFORTUNATE FRIENDS! YOU CAN THANK YOUR IMPETUOUS BROTHER FOR THAT!

THE MEAL SEEMED TO LAST FOR HOURS AS THE PRISONERS WATCHED THE SADISTIC JAILER STUFF HIMSELF TILL IT SEEMED HE MUST BURST! FINALLY HE LEFT! AND ALL THAT REMAINED WAS THE TERRIBLE, TORTURING **HUNGER**... A LIVING THING, **GNAWING, TEARING** AT THEIR SHRUNKEN STOMACHS!

THE BOY IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS! PERHAPS HE IS **BETTER OFF** THAN WE!

THANK GOD THAT TOMORROW WE **DIE!** AT LEAST WE WILL BE DELIVERED FROM THIS **TERRIBLE HUNGER!**

AND THEN THE DAUGHTER OF THE DUC DE MARABON MADE A STRANGE PRONOUCEMENT...

WE SHALL YET HAVE OUR LAST SUPPER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SISTER?

I CANNOT EXPLAIN FULLY, BUT TONIGHT I PRAY YOU **FEIGN SLEEP** WHEN THE PIG MAKES HIS USUAL ROUNDS...

ANTOINE... I WOULD HAVE SPECIAL WORDS WITH YOU...

AND LATE THAT NIGHT AS COCHON MADE HIS LAST REGULAR CHECK ON THE PRISONERS, HE HEARD A VOICE...

WHO CALLS ME?

PSST! COCHON... COCHON...

IT IS I... I BEG A WORD WITH YOU...
WHAT IS IT?
COME CLOSER... I WOULD NOT HAVE MY BROTHERS HEAR MY WORDS... IT FAIR SHAMES ME TO UTTER THEM ALOUD!"
OHO! SO HUNGER MAKES A COMMON GUTTER-MAID OF EVEN THE NOBLEST, EH, HA HA HA HA!
AND WOULD YOU TRULY SELL YOURSELF FOR A MERE SCRAP OF BREAD?
I WOULD... AND IF YOU WILL COME CLOSER I WILL GIVE YOU A TOKEN OF MY SINCERITY!
THE SCHEME HAD WORKED... THE UNSUSPECTING COCHON FELL VICTIM TO HIS OWN EVIL DESIRES!
UGH!
CRACK!
THE NEXT MORNING, THE MARQUIS DE VIELOT, WITH A PLATOON OF GUARDSMEN, CAME TO THE DUNGEON TO REMORE THE PRISONERS TO THE GALLOWS!
COCHON! COCHON! WHERE IS THAT FAT PIG OF A JAILER? ONE OF YOU OPEN THAT DOOR!
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM? ARE THEY DEAD?
AYE, YOUR LORDSHIP... ALL DEAD... AND FROM SOME TERRIBLE POISON, IT WOULD SEEM! LOOK AT THEIR BLOATED BELLIES...
POISON? HOW CAME THEY BY POISON?
COCHON! WHERE IS COCHON?
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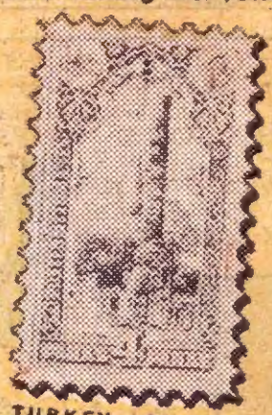

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